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## ARIZONA LAW



Amaria Lopez, of Phoenix, protests at the Arizona Capitol on Sunday, April, 25, 2010. Activists called on President Barack Obama to fight a tough new Arizona law targeting illegal immigrants, promising Sunday to march in the streets and invite arrest by refusing to comply if the measure goes into effect.

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### SPORTS NEWS

## TRIPLE-DOUBLE



Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James gives the thumbs-up during the second quarter of Game 4 in the first round of the NBA basketball playoffs against the Chicago Bulls, Sunday, April 25, 2010, in Chicago. The Cavaliers won 121-98.

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Senate Banking Committee Chairman Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., right, and the committee's ranking Republican Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., emerge from a meeting on Capitol Hill in Washington, Monday, April 26, 2010, ahead of a crucial test vote for the financial reform bill.

Associated Press

# Republicans delay action on bank controls

JIM KUHNHENN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats were undaunted by a Senate setback Monday and appeared increasingly confident they would be able to take advantage of Americans' anger at Wall Street and push through the most sweeping new controls on financial institutions since the Great Depression.

The Senate, in a 57-41 vote, failed to get the 60 supporters needed to proceed on the regulatory overhaul. One Democrat, Sen. Ben Nelson, joined with the Republicans.

But the evening vote was just part of a legislative ballet keeping bipartisan talks alive. At the end, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid switched his vote to "no," too, but that was just a maneuver that will enable him to call for a new tally as early as Tuesday.

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# Survivors assess damage from storms that killed 12

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Associated Press

YAZOO CITY, Mississippi (AP) — Residents cracked jokes to keep from crying Monday as they searched for salvageable items among the rubble left by severe storms that killed 12 people over the weekend. State officials were tallying the cost of the damage so they could ask for an emergency declaration from President Barack Obama, along with federal funds to help clean up the mess. The latest figures Monday alone, nearly 700 homes were damaged, 49 people injured and 10 killed. Two others died in storms in Alabama.

Nancy Luke stepped carefully through fallen cinderblocks, cracked mirrors and a broken disco ball in what used to be the bar she managed, Wendy's



Jonathan Mitchell searches for sentimental remains from his family's lake house Sunday April 25, 2010, that was destroyed by a tornado that struck the Warren County, Miss., Eagle Lake community Saturday.

Associated Press

On the Hill. The bar was in the center of the mile-wide swath of destruction.

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# APNewsBreak: Israel halts east Jerusalem building

AMY TEIBEL

Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's prime minister has effectively frozen new Jewish construction in east Jerusalem, municipal officials said Monday, reflecting the need to mend a serious rift with the U.S. and get Mideast peace talks back on track.

The move comes despite Benjamin Netanyahu's repeated assertion he would never halt construction in east Jerusalem and risks angering hard-liners in his government. One lawmaker from Netanyahu's Likud Party warned the governing coalition could collapse over the issue.

Still, the de facto freeze appeared to offer the promise of reviving peace efforts derailed after Israel announced plans for a major Jewish housing development during a visit by Vice President Joe Biden last month.

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# U.S. extradites Noriega to France



In this Jan. 1990, U.S. Marshalls file photo, deposed Panamanian Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega is seen at an undisclosed location.

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**MATTHEW LEE**

*Associated Press Writer*

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. extradited former Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega to France on Monday, clearing the way for him to

stand trial there on money laundering charges. The former strongman, who was being held in a federal prison in Miami, was on an Air France flight to Paris, according to a Department of Justice source who spoke anonymously because he was not authorized to comment on the case. Yves Leberquier, one of Noriega's lawyers, confirmed Noriega was headed to France. "When he arrives he will be presented to the prosecutor and notified of the arrest warrant, and he will confirm his opposition" to the warrant, Leberquier said.

After that, at some point Tuesday, Noriega will be presented to a Paris judge who will determine whether he should stay in custody pending further action. Leberquier said Noriega's lawyers will push for that hearing to be open "so that the defense can be totally transparent."

Earlier, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton signed a so-called surrender warrant for Noriega after a federal judge in Miami lifted a stay blocking the extradition last month, State Department spokesman Mark Toner said.

"Now that all judicial challenges to Noriega's extradition have been resolved, the secretary of state issued a surrender warrant for his extradition to France," he said.

Noriega was ousted as Panama's leader and put on trial following a 1989 U.S. invasion that drove him from power. He was convicted of drug racketeering and related charges in 1992. His sentence ended in 2007, but France requested Noriega's extradition shortly before his U.S. drug trafficking sentence ended Sept. 9, 2007. The French claim Noriega laundered some \$3 million in drug proceeds by purchasing luxury apartments in Paris. Noriega was convicted in absentia, but France agreed to give him a new trial if he was extradited.

Federal judges and the U.S. Supreme Court turned away Noriega's claims that the Geneva Conventions treaties regarding prisoners of war require him to be returned to Panama. Noriega was declared a POW after his 1992 drug conviction by a Miami federal judge.

Noriega, believed to be in his 70s, was Panama's longtime intelligence chief before he took power in 1982. He had been considered a valued CIA asset for years, but as a ruler he joined forces with drug traffickers and was implicated in the death of a political opponent.

President George H.W. Bush ordered an invasion in late 1989 to oust him. He was brought to Miami and convicted of drug charges. □



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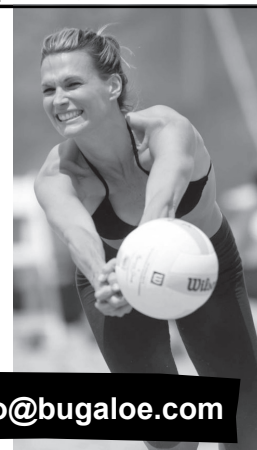
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## Furor grows over Arizona law against immigrants

**JONATHAN J. COOPER**  
Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX (AP) — The furor over Arizona's new law cracking down on illegal immigrants grew Monday as opponents used refried beans to smear swastikas on the state Capitol, civil rights leaders demanded a boycott of the state and the Obama administration weighed a possible legal challenge.

Activists are planning a challenge of their own, hoping to block the law from taking effect by arguing that it encroaches on the federal government's authority to regulate immigration and violates people's constitutional rights by giving police too much power.

The measure — set to take effect in late July or early August — would make it a crime under state law to be in the U.S. illegally. It directs state and local police to question people about their immigration status if there is reason to suspect they are illegal. "If you look or sound foreign, you are going to be subjected to never-ending requests for police to confirm your identity and to confirm your citizenship," said Alessandra Soler Meetze, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Arizona, which is exploring legal action.

Employees at the Capitol came to work Monday to find that vandals had smeared swastikas on the windows. And protesters gathered for a second straight day to speak out against a law they say will lead to rampant racial profiling of anyone who looks Hispanic.

The White House would not rule out the possibility that the administration would

take legal action against Arizona. President Barack Obama, who warned last week that the measure could lead to police abuses, asked the Justice Department to complete a review of the law's implications before deciding how to proceed.

Mexican President Felipe Calderon said the law is discriminatory and warned that trade and political ties with Arizona will be seriously strained by the crackdown.

Currently, many U.S. police departments do not ask about people's immigration status unless they have run afoul of the law in some other way. Many departments say stopping and questioning people will only discourage immigrants from cooperating to solve crimes.

Under the new Arizona law, immigrants unable to produce documents showing they are allowed to be in the U.S. could be arrested, jailed for up to six months and fined \$2,500. That is a significant escalation of the typical federal punishment for being here illegally — deportation.

People arrested by Arizona police would be turned over to federal immigration officers. Opponents said the federal government could thwart the law by refusing to accept them.

Supporters of the law said it is necessary to protect Arizonans from crimes committed by illegal immigrants. Arizona is home to an estimated 460,000 illegal immigrants and is the nation's busiest gateway for people slipping into the country.

Republican Gov. Jan Brewer, who signed the bill on Friday, said Arizona must act because Washington has failed to stop the flow of illegal immigrants



**Rep. Raul Grijalva, D-Ariz., speaks to thousands of protesters attending a rally at the Arizona Capitol voicing their displeasure on Sunday, April, 25, 2010, over the Friday bill signing of SB1070 by the Arizona governor, in Phoenix. The sweeping measure makes it a crime under state law to be in the country illegally, and would require local law enforcement to question people about their immigration status if there is reason to suspect they are in the country illegally.**

*Associated Press*

and drugs from Mexico. Brewer has ordered state officials to develop a training course for officers to learn what constitutes reasonable suspicion that someone is in the U.S. illegally. The crux of opponents' arguments is that only the federal government has the authority to regulate immigration.

"If every state had its own laws, we wouldn't be one country; we'd be 50 different countries," said Thomas Saenz, president and general counsel of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

Kevin Johnson, dean of the law school at the University of California-Davis and an immigration law professor, said such a lawsuit would have a very good chance of success. He said the state law gets into legal trouble by giving local law enforcement officers

the authority to enforce immigration laws.

"States can't give them that power," Johnson said. "The federal government could if it wanted to, but it hasn't."

However, Gerald Neuman, a Harvard Law School professor, said Arizona could make a compelling legal argument that it has overlapping authority to protect its residents.

Johnson said opponents could also argue that the law could violate their Fourth Amendment protection against unreasonable search and seizure because it gives police officers broad authority to determine who should be questioned. Kris Kobach, a University of Missouri-Kansas City law professor who helped write the Arizona legislation, said he anticipated legal challenges and carefully drafted the language. He said the state law is only prohibiting

conduct already illegal under federal law.

In a statement Friday, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said the state's new law would probably hinder law enforcement in dealing with more serious crimes. Napolitano vetoed similar proposals when she was Arizona governor.

"They would have diverted critical law enforcement resources from the most serious threats to public safety and undermined the vital trust between local jurisdictions and the communities they serve," she said.

San Francisco City Attorney Dennis Herrera urged policymakers in the city to stop dealing with Arizona and Arizona businesses. Leaders in Mexico and California also demanded a boycott, as did civil rights leader Al Sharpton. □



Sen. Ben Nelson, D-Neb., is pictured during a procedural vote for the financial reform bill on Capitol Hill in Washington, Monday, April 26, 2010.

*Associated Press*

## REPUBLICANS DELAY

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Democrats believe that public pressure and the scent of a Wall Street scandal have given them the upper hand. Republicans themselves have taken up the Democrats Wall Street-bashing rhetoric and have voiced hope that a bill will ultimately pass. In that light, the path to final approval seems clearer than it ever did during the contentious debate over health care. The financial overhaul bill is a priority of President Barack Obama and, after health care, its passage would build on his legislative successes — an important political consideration in an election year. The House has already passed its version of new bank regulations.

Less than an hour before the scheduled vote, the White House issued its official endorsement of the bill, saying Obama would oppose adding any loopholes.

Following the vote, the president said he was “deeply disappointed” and urged Senators to put the interests of the country ahead of party.

“Some of these senators may believe that this obstruction is a good political strategy, and others may see delay as an opportunity to take this debate behind closed doors, where financial industry lobbyists can water down reform or kill it altogether,” Obama said in a statement. “But the American people can’t afford that.”

Both the House and Senate bills, aimed at heading off

any recurrence of the near collapse of the financial system in 2008, would create a mechanism for liquidating large firms that get into trouble, set up a council to detect systemwide financial threats and establish a consumer protection agency to police lending. The legislation also would require investment derivatives, blamed for helping precipitate the near-meltdown, to be traded in open exchanges.

Senate Republicans have been solidly opposed to the legislation so far, but Democrats are determined to force them to block the bill time and again until their unity cracks.

“I don’t think it’s a tenable political position for the Republicans to be in,” White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said.

And Reid mocked the Republicans’ cohesion.

“As far as I can tell, the only thing Republicans stand for is standing together,” he said. Richard Shelby, the top Republican on the Banking Committee, said Monday before the vote, “Most Republicans want a bill, but they want a substantive bill.”

The Alabama senator has been negotiating with committee chairman Chris Dodd.

Shelby aides said he wants to tighten language that he believes would give the Federal Reserve and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. too much flexibility to assist large banks and their creditors. Shelby also wants to restrict the rule-writing powers that Dodd would give a consumer financial protection bureau within the Federal Reserve. Shelby aides have been writing an alternative to Dodd’s legislation in the event negotiations fail.

Shelby, emerging from a meeting with Dodd, said they planned to meet again, with their respective aides, to hammer out some areas of agreement.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, which has been leading a lobbying effort against the legislation, sent senators a letter Monday urging them to vote against Democratic efforts to move on the bill.

Polls show the public increasingly eager to slap restrictions on financial institutions. Moreover, a lawsuit by the Securities and Exchange Commission accusing Goldman Sachs of fraud has gotten attention at this critical time.

To drive that point home, a Senate investigative subcommittee plans a hearing Tuesday on the role

of investment banks in the financial crisis. Scheduled witnesses include Goldman chairman and chief executive Lloyd Blankfein and Fabrice Tourre, the Goldman Sachs trader at the center of the SEC charges.

In that climate, Democrats are prepared to cast Republicans as industry allies eager to weaken the legislation. At the same time, Democrats are trying to win over individual Republicans with some adjustments.

For example, Senate Democrats on Monday were putting the finishing touches on their version of derivatives regulations that already have the support of at least two Republicans, Charles Grassley of Iowa and Olympia Snowe of Maine. Derivatives are complex securities blamed for helping precipitate the 2008 Wall Street crisis.

The derivatives restrictions, in some cases tougher than Dodd had initially proposed, would incorporate provisions approved by the Senate Agriculture Committee. Among them is a limitation strongly opposed by the largest banks that would force them to spin off their derivatives operations into separate subsidiaries, potentially costing them billions of dollars in business.

Administration officials have expressed qualms in the past about the sweep of that provision. But the White House statement Monday commended the Agriculture Committee for its work. Republican Sen. Judd Gregg who had worked on derivatives provisions, called the spinoff idea unnecessarily punitive and disruptive to the banking system. Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell sought to rally his senators, arguing that a vote to delay debate was not a vote against regulation but for a bipartisan bill. □



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Luke said she and the owner, Wendy Douglas, have been joking with each other to fend off tears.

“She’s a neat freak. This is usually the cleanest bar in town, I tell you,” Luke said. Most of the bar was obliterated, but the office and the restrooms still stood. Luke said she found three rolls of toilet paper still stacked in a pyramid on a tray in the women’s room.

The tornado flung a blue metal trash container from outside the bar three miles away while dumping most of its contents next to the slab of the building: Dozens of brown Bud Light and Miller Lite beer bottles, most of which were unbroken.

Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour was spending part of the day in neighborhoods of his native Yazoo City talking privately with residents.

“When you know everybody, it’s harder,” said Barbour, whose home was undamaged in Saturday’s tornado.

On Monday, the dead in

Mississippi were also identified. County Coroner Keith Coleman identified the victims in his area as: Andra Patterson, 3 months; Tyanna Jobe, 9; Brittany Jobe, 14; Mary Yates, 58, and Bobby Yates, 57.

Wayne Allen Jr., a funeral director at Stricklin-King Funeral Home, identified the Yazoo County victims as: James E. Harrison, 64; Elizabeth Nicole “Nikki” Bradshaw Carpenter, Carlton Gould and Stella Martin, whose ages he didn’t have.

Carpenter, 31, left her job as a postal carrier to stay at home with her three children, ages 6 to 2, and planned to start nursing school next year, said her friend Elizabeth Tamar King. “She was the best mom she could be,” said King, who often babysat the boys. “She was a great person. If she could do anything to help you, she would.”

The storm system began in Louisiana before cutting a path some 150 miles (240 kilometers) long through Mississippi and continuing

to Alabama. Storm surveyors were working Monday to determine whether the damage was caused by a single tornado or multiple twisters.

National Weather Service meteorologist Ed Agre said tornado winds have been measured at 160 miles an hour along much of the path, with some areas hit with even stronger winds.

By comparison, the scale used to measure hurricane intensity tops off at a category for storms 155 mph and above. Hurricanes, however, cover a wider area.

“Tornadoes are on a much tighter scale, when the winds are twisting that fast. It’s a bit more devastating to that location,” he said.

Mississippi, like many other states, does not have a statewide method of alerting residents about severe weather, such as thunderstorms and tornadoes. That responsibility is often left up to local governments that rely on warning sirens, phone calls and radios after receiving an alert from the National Weather Service.



**A damaged home lies in ruins along Willow Bayou Drive on Sunday April 25, 2010, in Tallulah, La. after a tornado ripped through the northeastern corner of Madison Parish Saturday morning.**

*Associated Press*

Many residents have said they were warned a tornado was coming by local television or other means. Lynn Cunningham didn’t hear any sirens before the twister ripped off the roof of her home.

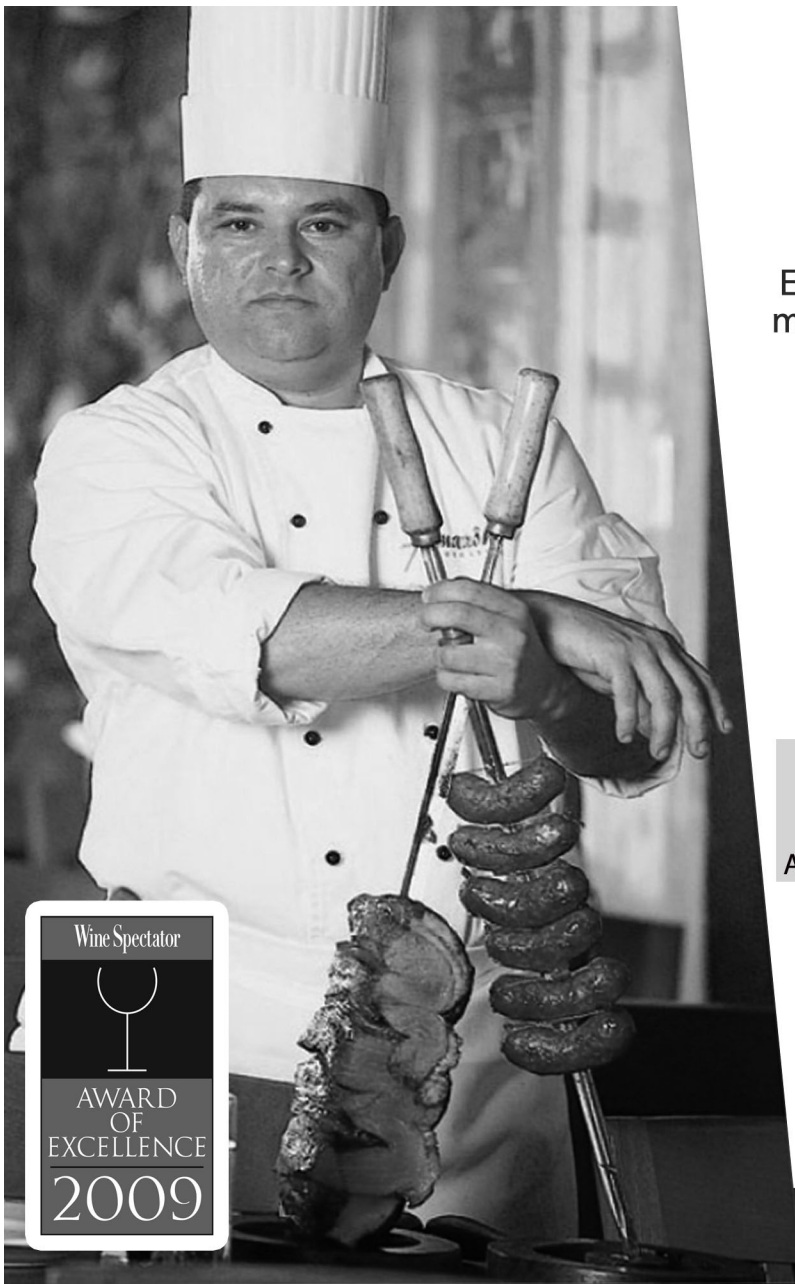
“My two boys were inside watching it on TV, but then the power went out right before it hit,” Cunningham said.

Some people whose homes were hit hard managed to make it out safely, and were working to salvage what they could. Morgan Hayden

and Joe Moton huddled with other relatives in the home’s bathroom during the storm.

The 27-year-old Hayden and 31-year-old Moton had planned to marry in a small ceremony in Arkansas on Monday, but with little left besides the clothes on their backs, they weren’t sure what to do.

“It’ll work out, though,” Hayden said as she treaded carefully through nails, broken glass and pink tufts of insulation on Sunday. □



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# Mexican president condemns Arizona immigrant law



Mexico's President Felipe Calderon speaks during a news conference at the Los Pinos presidential residence in Mexico City, Monday, April 26, 2010. Earlier in the day, Calderon condemned Arizona's tough new immigration law as discriminatory and warned that relations with the U.S. border state will suffer.

*Associated Press*

ALEXANDRA OLSON

Associated Press Writer

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican President Felipe Calderon on Monday

condemned Arizona's tough new immigration law as discriminatory and warned that relations with the U.S. border state will suffer.

The measure, which will make it a crime under state law to be an illegal immigrant, "opens the door to intolerance, hate, discrimination and abuse in law enforcement," Calderon said.

Calderon said he had instructed the Foreign Relations Department to double its efforts to protect the rights of Mexicans living in the United States and seek help from lawyers and immigration experts.

"Nobody can sit around with their arms crossed in the face of decisions that so clearly affect our countrymen," Calderon said in a speech at the Institute for Mexicans Abroad.

The Arizona law restored immigration to the forefront of U.S.-Mexico relations, which had largely been focused on deeper cooperation in the drug

war.

The law, set to take effect in late July or August, will require police to question people about their immigration status if they suspect they are there illegally. Day laborers can be arrested for soliciting work if they are in the U.S. illegally, and police departments can be sued if they don't carry out the law.

The chief of the Organization of American States also criticized the legislation.

"We consider the bill clearly discriminatory against immigrants, and especially against immigrants from Latin America," Jose Miguel Insulza said during a visit to El Salvador.

Calderon said trade and political ties with Arizona will be "seriously affected," although he announced no concrete measures.

Mexican politicians, church leaders and others have criticized Calderon for not taking a tougher stance against

the law.

Some Mexican legislators have urged a trade boycott against Arizona, and several called the federal government's response lukewarm.

"In Congress, we support any trade and transport boycott necessary to reverse this law," said Oscar Martin Arce, a lawmaker from the president's National Action Party.

Mexico is Arizona's largest foreign market. The U.S. state sent \$4.5 billion in exports to Mexico in 2009—nearly a third of its total exports, according to the U.S. International Trade Administration.

Andres Ibarra, president of the chamber of commerce in Nogales, a Mexican city across the border from Nogales, Arizona, said he doubted the government would impose a formal trade boycott, saying it would hurt Mexico most.

Even so, he warned the immigration law would harm Arizona economically. Ibarra said the U.S. state depends

heavily on cheap labor from Mexican immigrants and any surge in deportations would make the state less competitive.

Arizona is home to an estimated 460,000 illegal immigrants.

"It's regrettable. I think this was a hasty decision that did not consider the consequences, not only for Mexicans and undocumented people from other countries, but also for the Arizona economy," Ibarra said. "Immigrants, as everyone knows, do the work that Americans don't want to do." "This campaign is completely based on racism. It's a xenophobic campaign," he added.

Calderon said he would raise his concerns with President Barack Obama and U.S. lawmakers during a visit to Washington in May.

Obama has called the Arizona law misguided and instructed the U.S. Justice Department to examine it to see if it's legal. □

## Iraqi court bans candidates in election disarray

LARA JAKES

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD (AP) — An Iraqi court threw the nation's disputed election into deeper disarray Monday by disqualifying 52 candidates, including one winner, in a legal ruling that cast doubt on the slim lead of a Sunni-backed alliance over the prime minister's political coalition. The decision by the three-judge election court intensified political turmoil and dealt a new setback to efforts to form a new government in Iraq nearly two months after the vote for a new 325-member parliament, which must select the next prime minister.

U.S. officials had hoped the elections would boost efforts to reconcile Iraq's divided ethnic and religious groups as American military forces prepare to withdraw combat forces by September, with the rest to follow by the end of next year. But the maneuvering following the inconclusive vote instead has created a giant

political vacuum and fears of new violence.

It also threatened to anger anew Sunni voters, who had thrown their support behind secular candidate Ayad Allawi's bloc to give it a two-seat lead.

The winning candidate who would lose his seat was from Allawi's Iraqiya coalition. Sunnis largely have spurned Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, and their anger against the Shiite-led government in 2006 and 2007 was one of the key motivators for their bloody insurgency that only recently abated.

The court also is considering the fate of at least seven other winning Iraqiya candidates who are accused of having ties to Saddam Hussein's ousted Baath Party.

That decision, which is expected as early as Tuesday, could deal a fatal blow to Allawi's lead.

Iraqiya, which captured 91 parliamentary seats compared with 89 for al-Maliki's State of Law alliance, promised to

fight the ruling and call for a new election if it is upheld.

"We will not accept such an unjust decision, and we will not stand still to such illegal and illegitimate measures," Allawi's spokesman Abdul-Rahman al-Bayder said, adding that the court order "endangers the whole political process and democracy in Iraq."

A member of the Independent High Electoral Commission, Saad al-Rawi, cautioned it was still unclear if Monday's decision would change the vote results.

The banned candidates have a month to appeal the decision. If upheld, Monday's decision meant ballots cast for all 52 disqualified candidates would be voided, requiring a new tally. But al-Rawi said most, including 22 from Iraqiya, received only limited support.

Iraqiya and other coalitions can replace the barred candidates with others from their lists as long as their blocs maintain the same level of overall votes,



In this March 1, 2010 file photo, election campaign posters for many candidates are seen along a street in Baghdad, Iraq. An Iraqi court disqualified 52 candidates Monday from the country's parliamentary elections, including two who won seats, and threw out their votes in a decision that could potentially change the outcome of the March 7 vote.

*Associated Press*

al-Rawi said.

The actions compounded tensions that were sparked before the March 7 vote, when a controversial, Shiite-led vetting panel tossed out hundreds of vote-seekers because of suspected Baathist ties in a move that was seen as trying to dilute Sunni influence in the election.

The 52 candidates disqualified Monday had been named to replace some of those previously banned.

Electoral commission chief

Faraj al-Haidari said only one candidate among those banned had won a seat in the vote, and identified him as Ibrahim al-Mutlaq of Iraqiya. Al-Mutlaq, the brother of another banned prominent Sunni politician, Saleh al-Mutlaq, called the court's ruling a political move to weaken their alliance.

Al-Maliki has fiercely challenged the election results, successfully demanding a court-ordered ballot recount in Baghdad that could further complicate the process. □

# Haiti tosses kidnapping charges against Americans

FRANK BAJAK

Associated Press Writer

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — A Haitian judge said Monday he has dismissed kidnapping and criminal association charges against 10 American missionaries detained for trying to take a busload of children out of the country after the Jan. 12 earthquake.

Judge Bernard Saint-Vil said Laura Silsby, the last of the 10 missionaries jailed in Haiti, still faced a lesser charge for allegedly organizing the effort to transport the 33 children to an orphanage they were setting up in the Dominican Republic.

Silsby faces up to three years in prison if convicted on the remaining charge, the "organization of irregular trips," from a 1980 statute restricting travel out of Haiti signed by then-dictator Jean-Claude Duvalier.

Silsby declined comment from her jail cell. Shiller Roi, a lawyer for Silsby, declined comment, saying he hadn't yet received the judge's written decision.

The judge told The Associated Press that the charge of organizing the trip was also pending against Jean Sainvil, a Haitian-born pastor from Atlanta who also helped organize the venture. Sainvil did not immediately respond to message left on his voicemail.

The judge, who spoke to AP in a brief phone interview, did not explain the reasons for his decisions.

It was the latest development in a case that emerged amid the chaos following the devastating earthquake, which the government said killed an estimated 230,000 people and left hundreds of thousands of people homeless.

Border guards detained the Americans on Jan. 29 as they tried to enter the Dominican Republic from Haiti without the required documents for the children.

A relative of two members of the group of Baptists said at the time that they intended to take the children, all of whom still had at least one living parent, to an orphanage they were

setting up in the Dominican Republic for Haitian children. On Feb. 17, the judge released eight of the Americans after concluding that parents voluntarily gave up their children in the belief that the Americans would give them a better life. He freed the ninth March 8, leaving only Silsby in custody. Supporters of the group said they were only trying to help the children and simply misunderstood Haitian adoption rules intended to prevent child trafficking following the earthquake.

Child trafficking has long been a serious problem in Haiti.

In a separate case Monday, three suspected Haitian traffickers were caught driving

24 children in the town of Mirebalais. The group was traveling with the children's birth certificates, suggesting they meant to put them up for adoption, local judge Vicran Charles said.

The judge said the suspects said they were taking the children to a woman who runs an orphanage in the capital, Port-au-Prince, and promised the children a better life.

The children, who were placed in a nearby orphanage, range in age from 1 to 13. None appeared to be orphans.

"I have a mom and a dad," said 8-year-old Jolen Plaisir. "They didn't tell me why they were sending me to an orphanage." □



U.S. missionary Laura Silsby, 40, center, points to an area of a bible next to fellow missionary Charisa Coulter, 24, both arrested on child kidnapping charges, as they leave the courthouse in Port-au-Prince, Tuesday, March 2, 2010.

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## King accepts resignation of Belgian government



In this Oct. 20, 2004 file photo, a truck passes road signs that have been vandalized to obliterate the French names in Sint Genesius Rode. Belgian King Albert II has accepted the government's resignation, Monday, April 26, 2010, after negotiations broke down to resolve a long-simmering dispute between Dutch and French-speaking politicians over a bilingual voting district.

Associated Press

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Associated Press Writer

BRUSSELS (AP) — Belgium King Albert II accepted the government's resignation Monday after negotiations failed to resolve a long-simmering dispute between Dutch- and French-speaking politicians over a bilingual voting district in and around Brussels, the country's capital.

The king had waited since last week to see if last-ditch talks could keep the coalition government of Prime Minister Yves Leterme together. But late Monday, it became clear the differences between the linguistic groups were too deep. Elections could now be called in early June.

"I regret that the necessary dialogue to achieve a negotiated settlement did not produce the result we hoped for," Leterme said in a statement.

The Royal Palace said that "the King has tasked the government to continue in a caretaker capacity."

Belgian governments have a long tradition of teetering on the brink of linguistic collapse. For half a century, they have brokered ever more complicated compromises to keep the country from falling apart at the expense of giving the linguistic groups more autonomy. Yet the endless bickering has not stopped the nation of being among the most prosperous in Europe.

Rarely, though, has a dispute been as intractable as this one.

Amid the global financial crisis, many have warned that such an impasse could sap international economic confidence in the country.

And the crisis comes at an inopportune moment: Belgium will take over the rotating presidency of the European Union on July 1.

Leterme highlighted the work that had been achieved to shield the country from the global economic crisis, reform the judiciary and prepare for the EU presidency, when the Belgian prime minister will be for six months one of the most visible European politicians.

"This work needs to be continued," said Leterme.

Speculation had been that the five coalition parties would keep trying to break the stalemate at least until Thursday, when the next session of parliament was planned, but that did not happen.

"We wanted a negotiated solution but it was quickly clear that there was no political will," said Alexander De Croo, head of the Dutch-speaking Liberals.

The current coalition took office March 20, 2008, following a political impasse over a related linguistic spat that lasted a record 194 days.

Linguistic disputes rooted in history and economic disparities have long dominated politics in this country of 6.5 million Dutch-speakers and 4 million Francophones.

Belgium is divided into Dutch-speaking northern Flanders and French-speaking southern Wallonia and bilingual Brussels in between. The language rules determine which language is used on everything from mortgages and traffic signs to election ballots and divorce papers.

In 2003, the Constitutional Court ruled the bilingual Brussels-Halle-Vilvoorde voting district illegal because it violated the separation of Dutch- and French-language regions. The district includes Brussels, which is officially bilingual, but also encompasses 20-odd towns in Dutch-speaking Flanders around the capital. □





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## EAST JERUSALEM

### Continued from Front Page

That set off the worst diplomatic dispute between the U.S. and Israel in decades — and prompted the Palestinians to call off a new round of U.S.-brokered peace talks.

The quiet halting of east Jerusalem housing approvals coincides with signs that those talks are now about to start — and could help explain recent U.S. statements stressing America's close ties to Israel. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas signaled Monday he was ready to start indirect talks with Israel after weeks of hesitation. Washington has stepped up efforts in recent days to coax Abbas to agree to the talks, with President Barack Obama's envoy as go-between.

Speaking to Israel's Channel 2 TV, Abbas said he would present the U.S. proposal to the Arab League this week and the Palestinians "hope that the reply will be positive."

Obama, meanwhile, offered assurances of Washington's unshakable commitment to Israel's security and determination to achieve a comprehensive Middle East peace. He made the remarks during an impromptu meeting with Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak at the White House, Obama spokesman Robert Gibb said.

Word of a de facto freeze on

east Jerusalem construction came from municipal officials and a construction executive, who told The Associated Press that the committee that approves such projects had not met since March 9 — the day Israel announced its contentious plan to build 1,600 new housing units in east Jerusalem.

It was not clear if the halt to approvals constituted a genuine moratorium or how long it would last, and Israeli government officials would not confirm any kind of freeze.

However, two city councilmen and an engineer who oversees a major east Jerusalem construction project confirmed the procedures for approving new housing have been put on hold since the Biden incident. "The government ordered the Interior Ministry immediately after the Biden incident to not even talk about new construction for Jewish homes in east Jerusalem," said Meir Margalit, a city councilman who said the information came from top Jerusalem officials intimately involved with construction projects.

"It's not just that building has stopped: The committees that deal with this are not even meeting anymore," said Margalit, of the dovish Meretz Party.

Another city councilman, Meir Turujamen, who sits on the

Interior Ministry committee that gives final approval to building plans, said his panel has not met since the Biden visit. It used to meet weekly, he said.

"I wrote a letter about three weeks or a month ago asking (Interior Minister Eli) Yishai why the committee isn't convening," he said. "To this day I haven't received an answer."

Interior Ministry spokeswoman Efrat Orbach insisted any delays were nothing more than a bureaucratic matter.

The prime minister's spokesman, Mark Regev, said only that "following the Biden visit and the mishap, the prime minister asked that a mechanism be put in place to prevent a recurrence of this kind of debacle." He would not elaborate.

In Washington, State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley wouldn't discuss what Israel was telling the United States about Jewish construction.

"We have asked both sides to take steps to rebuild trust and to create momentum so that we can see advances" in peace talks, Crowley told reporters.

"We're not going to go into details about what we've asked them to do, but obviously this is an important issue in the atmosphere to see the advancement of peace."

Netanyahu repeatedly has



**Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, right, listens to Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman in the Knesset, Israel's parliament, in Jerusalem, Monday, April 26, 2010. The Israeli government has effectively frozen new Jewish construction in Jerusalem's disputed eastern sector, municipal officials said Monday. The decision was made despite Netanyahu's public insistence that building would not be stopped in the face of U.S. pressure**

*Associated Press*

insisted that Israel has a right to build anywhere in the city's eastern sector, which Palestinians hope to make their future capital, and acknowledging any slowdown would have huge political risks. Netanyahu's coalition is dominated by hard-liners who oppose any division of Jerusalem.

Netanyahu met with members of his Likud Party on Monday and denied any freeze was in place, said Danny Danon, a lawmaker who attended the session.

"If we see there is a freeze, we will not sit quietly and the prime minister knows that," Danon said. "This coalition

will not allow the prime minister to freeze building in Jerusalem."

Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said he has not heard anything official about an Israeli construction freeze in east Jerusalem.

"What counts for us is what we'll be seeing on the ground," he said.

Still, any de facto freeze could make it easier for the Palestinians to participate in U.S.-mediated peace talks. The Palestinians have refused to hold direct negotiations with Netanyahu unless he halts all settlement construction in the West Bank and east Jerusalem. □

## A group of people, including a man in a suit and a woman in a white jacket, standing in front of the Hollywood sign on a hill. The man in the center is wearing a dark suit and a red tie, and is pointing towards the camera. The woman to his right is wearing a white jacket and is smiling. Other people are visible in the background, some of whom are also smiling and looking towards the camera. The Hollywood sign is visible on the hill in the background.

A photograph of Justin Bieber singing into a microphone. He is wearing a maroon t-shirt and has a black watch on his left wrist. He is holding the microphone with his right hand and gesturing with his left hand. The background is dark and out of focus.

A vertical collage of ten images showing various food and drink items: a seafood salad, a fish and vegetable plate, a lobster tail, a seafood salad, a seafood stew, a slice of cake, a slice of cake, two cocktails, and a bar scene.

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## BUSINESS

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**FILE** - In this April 16, 2009 file photo, a sign at the Citigroup Center is shown in New York. The Treasury Department said Monday, April 26, 2010, that its first sales of Citigroup stock will cover up to 1.5 billion shares.

(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan, file)

## Treasury announces plans for first Citigroup sale

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER  
and CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER,  
AP Economics Writers

WASHINGTON – The Treasury Department said Monday that it plans to sell up to 1.5 billion shares of Citigroup stock, its latest move to unwind the support it provided big banks during the financial crisis.

The sales, which amount to about 20 percent of the government's ownership stake, could begin as soon as Monday, according to a person familiar with the transaction. The person wasn't authorized to speak on the record about the deal.

The government received about 7.7 billion shares, or a 27 percent ownership stake, as compensation for the massive support it extended to the bank during the height of the financial crisis in late 2008. Treasury said last month that it would soon begin selling its Citigroup stock and planned to complete the sales this year.

The sales should earn a tidy profit for the government, which purchased the common stock in the summer of 2009 at a share price of \$3.25. Citigroup shares fell 19 cents, or 3.9 percent, to \$4.67 in midday trading Monday.

If the government sold all its 7.7 billion shares at \$4.70, it would receive about \$36.2 billion in proceeds. That's \$11.2 billion above the \$25 billion it paid for the shares.

By selling its stock over time, the Treasury is taking a risk that Citigroup's share price could dip below \$3.25, resulting in a loss on some of the sales, said Linus Wilson, assistant professor of finance at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

But "there's a very good chance" that Treasury will be able to sell between 50 million and 100 million shares a day "and exit with a profit," Wilson said.

In a statement Monday, Treasury said it planned to proceed with the sales of the Citigroup common stock "in an orderly fashion under a pre-arranged trading plan with Morgan Stanley, Treasury's sales agent."

In a separate filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the company said it would report quarterly on the number of shares sold. □

## Strong Caterpillar results, outlook lift stocks

By IEVA M. AUGSTUMS,  
AP Business Writer

The stock market closed narrowly mixed Monday after a strong earnings report from Caterpillar Inc. offset investors' concerns about financial regulation.

The Dow Jones industrial average, supported by Caterpillar, eked out a gain of 1 point. Broader market indexes fell modestly.

Banking shares fell as negotiations on financial overhaul legislation continued in Washington.

Caterpillar, whose results are seen as an economic indicator, reported earnings that beat analyst expectations after a one-time charge related to health care. The company said economic conditions are "definitely improving" and that orders for its heavy equipment are significantly higher than last year.

Investors also got some good news from Whirlpool Corp., which said profits doubled on higher sales of appliances in the U.S. and other countries. That's a signal that consumer spending is picking up.

News that car rental company Hertz Global Holdings Inc. agreed to buy rival Dollar Thrifty Automotive Inc. also helped stocks.

But investors showed caution throughout the day. A series of upbeat earnings reports have sent stocks steadily higher over the past week, and many analysts believe that strong corporate earnings results are already priced into the market.

Peter Cardillo, chief market economist at the brokerage Avalon Partners Inc. in New York, said the market is "perhaps defying logic at this point, and nevertheless moving up."



A Goldman Sachs sign is seen over their kiosk on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, April 26, 2010.

REUTERS/Brendan McDermid

"We will be headed for some sort of a pullback, which could happen at any time," Cardillo said, adding he doesn't think it will be too steep, maybe 5 percent to 7 percent. "For the moment, the enthusiasm continues."

The Dow rose 0.75, or less than 0.1 percent, to 11,205.03. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 5.23, or 0.4 percent, to 1,212.05, while the Nasdaq composite index fell 7.20, or 0.3 percent, to 2,522.95.

Losing shares narrowly outpaced advancers on the New York Stock Exchange, where consolidated volume came to 5.7 billion shares, compared with 5.4 billion on Friday.

Caterpillar rose \$2.87, or 4.2 percent, to close at \$71.65.

This week will bring a stream of earnings news from companies across a range of industries, including Ford Motor Co., Exxon Mobil Corp. and UPS Inc. Consumer products companies including Procter & Gamble Co. are also scheduled to release their results.

Hertz, the world's largest car rental company, agreed to buy rival Dollar Thrifty for almost \$1.2 billion in cash and stock.

Hertz closed up \$1.81, or 14.1 percent, at \$14.69, while Dollar Thrifty rose \$4.22, or 10.9 percent, to \$43.07. Investors view mergers and acquisition activity as a sign of investor confidence about the economy.

Investors also got some reassurance about Greece's debt problems. The Greek government on Friday said it wanted to tap a rescue package from 15 European countries and the International Monetary Fund. Investors have been concerned that Greece could default on its debt and that the trouble there would spread to other countries.

Financial shares slid as negotiations on financial overhaul legislation continued in Washington.

Senate Democrats reached a tentative deal on sweeping new rules for the derivatives market. Derivatives are the complex securities blamed for helping precipitate the 2008 financial crisis, but they also have earned big profits for banks.

"We are starting to see the financials crack, or get a little shaky," Hobart said, speaking about bank and other financial company stocks. □

# SPORTS

## Aruba TODAY

### Gordon-Johnson rivalry intensifies to full blow feud

DAN GELSTON

AP Sports Writer

TALLADEGA, Alabama (AP)

— The Jeff Gordon-Jimmie Johnson rivalry may now be a full-blown feud.

Gordon and Johnson were involved in an incident for the second straight Sprint Cup race, leaving the pair of four-time champions and Hendrick Motorsports teammates needing to repair more than some cars.

They might have to patch up their differences — again.

“The 48 is testing my patience, I can tell you that,” Gordon said Sunday at Talladega Superspeedway. “It takes a lot to make me mad. ... I don’t know what it is with me and him right now.”

Gordon was making a run to the front when he was forced by Johnson to the apron late in the race. Gordon connected with Scott Speed — Jeff



This Nov. 6, 2009, file photo shows Jimmie Johnson, left, and Jeff Gordon talking during a break in a NASCAR Sprint Cup Series practice at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth, Texas. For at least a decade, Jeff Gordon was NASCAR’s biggest star, winning four championships while transforming the sport on and off the track. The spotlight shifted four years ago when Hendrick Motorsports teammate Jimmie Johnson began his run.

Associated Press

Burton also was collected — and the No. 24 headed to pit road.

“The 48 decided to change

three lanes and keep me from going by him and that’s just not cool when a car’s going that much faster than you,” Gordon said. “Maybe he just

didn’t know.”

Gordon finished 22nd and Johnson was 31st. Gordon said he wasn’t exactly sure what happened in the wreck.

“I’m just excited we finished on the lead lap, to be honest,” Gordon said.

Gordon and Johnson also tangled on the track last week at Texas Motor Speedway. Gordon and Johnson insisted Friday there were no hard feelings after their public tiff after aggressive driving and critical comments of each other over the radio.

Team owner Rick Hendrick defused any talk before the race of a feud between his four-time champion drivers. Hendrick said Gordon’s competitive streak had him fired up when the No. 48 and No. 24 had their first dust-up last week at Texas. The drivers and friends then made critical

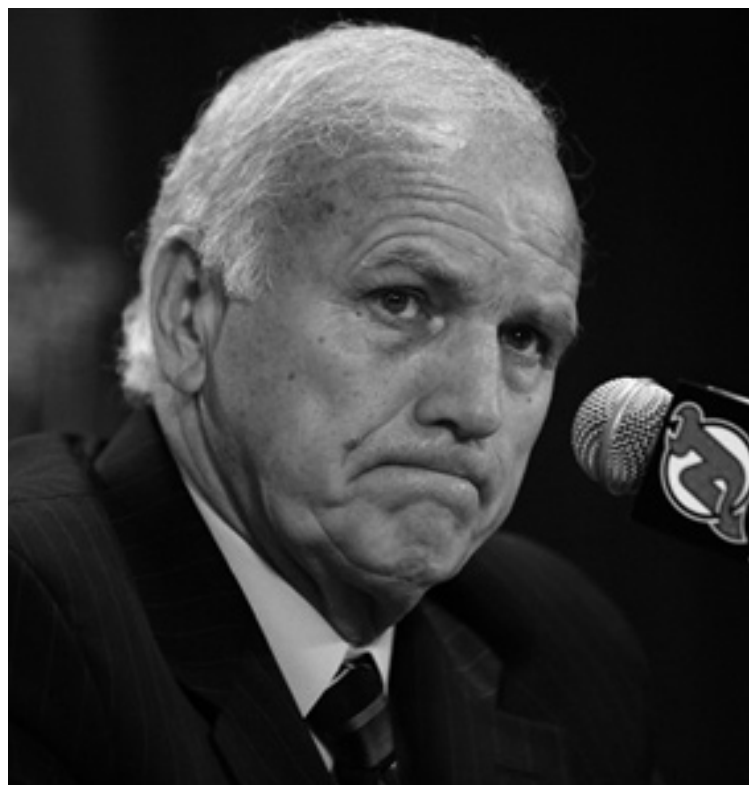
comments of each other after the race.

Both drivers said they patched up their differences. Hendrick said on Sunday he liked Gordon’s attitude.

“He’s not sick of Jimmie, he’s just on the chip,” Hendrick said. “He drove that race in Vegas where he was sideways on the outside and wouldn’t give it up. He’s fired up. He should have won three races already — three or four maybe. I’m excited about a little bit of a rivalry between them — as long as they don’t wreck each other.”

HMS teammate Dale Earnhardt Jr., who finished 13th, downplayed any friction.

“These guys laugh and joke at the stories in the media about it,” he said. “Both of them want to be champions. ... Everybody butts heads once in a while. Rick ain’t gonna let ‘em do too damn much.” □



New Jersey Devils coach Jacques Lemaire listens to a question at a news conference after the Philadelphia Flyers beat the Devils 3-0 to win the NHL first-round playoff hockey series 4-1 Thursday, April 22, 2010 in Newark, N.J.

Associated Press

TOM CANAVAN

AP Sports Writer

NEWARK, New Jersey (AP)

— New Jersey Devils coach

Jacques Lemaire surprisingly retired on Monday following their first-round elimination in the NHL playoffs for the third

### Devils coach Jacques Lemaire retires

straight year.

“It’s tough to leave what you like, but it’s a decision that I made,” the 64-year-old Lemaire said.

Lemaire said he thought about retiring several times this season and that the loss to the Philadelphia Flyers in five games had nothing to do with his decision.

“It’s not the team, it is not the result or the lack of result we had in the playoffs,” a glassy-eyed Lemaire said. “It’s not that at all. It’s the end of the line. I’ll be 65. It’s just time.” Lemaire led the Devils to their first Stanley Cup in 1995. He stepped down as Minnesota Wild coach after last season, but Devils president Lou Lamoriello persuaded him to come to New Jersey for a

second stint as coach.

Lemaire had a hard time telling the coaching staff he was leaving and he was only able to get a few words out to the players before he could not go on. Lamoriello had to step in and relay the news.

Lamoriello said Lemaire, who made the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1984 for his playing career, will stay with the Devils in a role yet to be determined. Lamoriello said he has not thought about a replacement. “I didn’t see that coming,” goaltender Martin Brodeur said. “I think Jacques has a lot of passion for the game and he showed it all throughout the year and the playoffs, and I think that drive was there. It seems to be there, but he knows it better than anybody

and you have to accept what he wants to do.”

Whoever gets the job will be the Devils’ third head coach in as many years. Brent Sutter resigned after two seasons last year to be closer to his home in western Canada. He eventually became coach of the Calgary Flames.

Lemaire coached 16 seasons in the NHL with Montreal, New Jersey and Minnesota, posting a 588-441 won-lost record. His teams also played 124 ties and lost 60 games in overtime or shootouts.

He won the Jack Adams Award as the league’s top coach in 1994 and 2003. This past winter, he was an assistant on Canada’s gold medal-winning team at the Vancouver Olympics. □



Switzerland's Roger Federer returns the ball during a double game he played with Switzerland's Yves Allegro against Sweden's Johan Brunstrom and Netherlands Antilles' Jean-Julien Rojer, at the Rome Masters tennis tournament, in Rome, Monday, April 26, 2010.

*Associated Press*

## Federer posts doubles win at Rome Masters

ANDREW DAMPF

AP Sports Writer

ROME (AP) — Roger Federer opened his clay-court season with a solid doubles victory Monday at the Rome Masters, while former champion Juan Carlos Ferrero was upset by Colombian qualifier Santiago Giraldo in singles.

The top-ranked Federer paired with Swiss Davis Cup teammate Yves Allegro to beat Johan Brunstrom of Sweden and Jean-Julien Rojer of the Netherlands Antilles 6-4, 7-6 (4).

Federer never dropped his serve and showed off effective volleying skills in his first match inside the new 10,500-seat stadium at the Foro Italico.

The 16-time Grand Slam winner is playing his first tournament on clay since winning his first French Open title last year. □

## Roethlisberger: Won't appeal suspension

ALAN ROBINSON

AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH (AP) —

Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger says he won't appeal his six-game suspension for violating the NFL's personal conduct policy.

Emphasizing he committed no crime, Roethlisberger apologized Monday to his teammates and fans for his behavior last month in a Georgia bar, where a 20-year-old college student accused him of sexual assault. He also admitted he is disappointed with himself and promised to make the changes expected of him by the league and his team.

Roethlisberger was cleared of charges because a prosecutor says the case was not strong enough to pursue, but he was chastised by authorities and NFL commissioner Roger Goodell for his behavior.

In a short statement released by the team, Roethlisberger promised he will not put himself in such a situation again.

"The commissioner's decision to suspend me speaks clearly that more is expected of me.



This April 12, 2010, file photo shows Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger reading a statement in the team's locker room, in Pittsburgh. Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger says he won't appeal the six-game suspension given him for violating the NFL's personal conduct policy. Saying he is disappointed with himself, Roethlisberger apologized Monday, April 26, 2010, to his teammates and fans for his behavior last month in a Georgia bar, where a 20-year-old college student accused him of sexual assault.

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I am accountable for the consequences of my actions. Though I have committed no crime, I regret that I have fallen short of the values instilled in me by my family," Roethlisberger said in the statement. "I will not appeal the suspension and will comply with what is asked of me — and more."

In his first comments since being suspended Wednesday

by Goodell, Roethlisberger said it will be "devastating" to miss games.

"I am sorry to let down my teammates and the entire Steelers fan base. I am disappointed that I have reached this point and will not put myself in this situation again," Roethlisberger said. "I appreciate the opportunities that I have been given in my life and will make the necessary improvements."

Roethlisberger is the first player suspended by Goodell under the conduct policy who hasn't been arrested or charged with a crime. Goodell said the league's conduct policy gave him the right to impose discipline regardless of whether Roethlisberger broke the law.

"In your six years in the NFL, you have first thrilled and now disappointed a great many people," Goodell wrote. "I urge you to take full advantage of this opportunity to get your life and career back on track."

The suspension can be reduced to four games if Roethlisberger completes an evaluation mandated by the league, any action that is mandated by that evaluation and he remains out of trouble. He can practice during training camp and play in preseason games, but cannot return to game action until at least Oct. 17.

Roethlisberger was not available Monday for further comment. □

## NHL Playoffs

## Coyotes beat Red Wings 5-2 to force Game 7

DETROIT (AP) — The Phoenix Coyotes scored their first three goals on special teams and Ilya Bryzgalov made 31 saves in a 5-2 win over the Detroit Red Wings on Sunday that forced Game 7 in their first-round playoff series.

Phoenix will host the final game of the series on Tuesday night.

Lauri Korpikoski scored a short-handed goal 4:10 in to spark the win and keep the Coyotes in contention.

Wojtek Wolski's even-strength goal put Phoenix ahead 4-1 late in the second.

Jimmy Howard made 24 saves for the Red Wings.

Canucks 4, Kings 2

At Los Angeles, Daniel Sedin scored with 2:03 to play as Vancouver rallied from another third-period deficit to finish off its first-round series against Los Angeles with a victory in Game 6.

Roberto Luongo made 30 saves while keeping Vancouver close in its third straight victory over Los Angeles, and Kevin Bieksa equalized early in the third period for the third-seeded Canucks.

Sedin then skated in to collect a loose puck and snapped a shot over goalie Jonathan Quick, sending Vancouver to the second round of the Western Conference playoffs for the third time in four seasons.



Phoenix Coyotes goalie Ilya Bryzgalov (30) of Russia deflects a shot during the second period in a first-round NHL playoff hockey game against the Detroit Red Wings in Detroit, Sunday, April 25, 2010. Bryzgalov made 31 saves in the Coyotes' 5-2 win over the Red Wings.

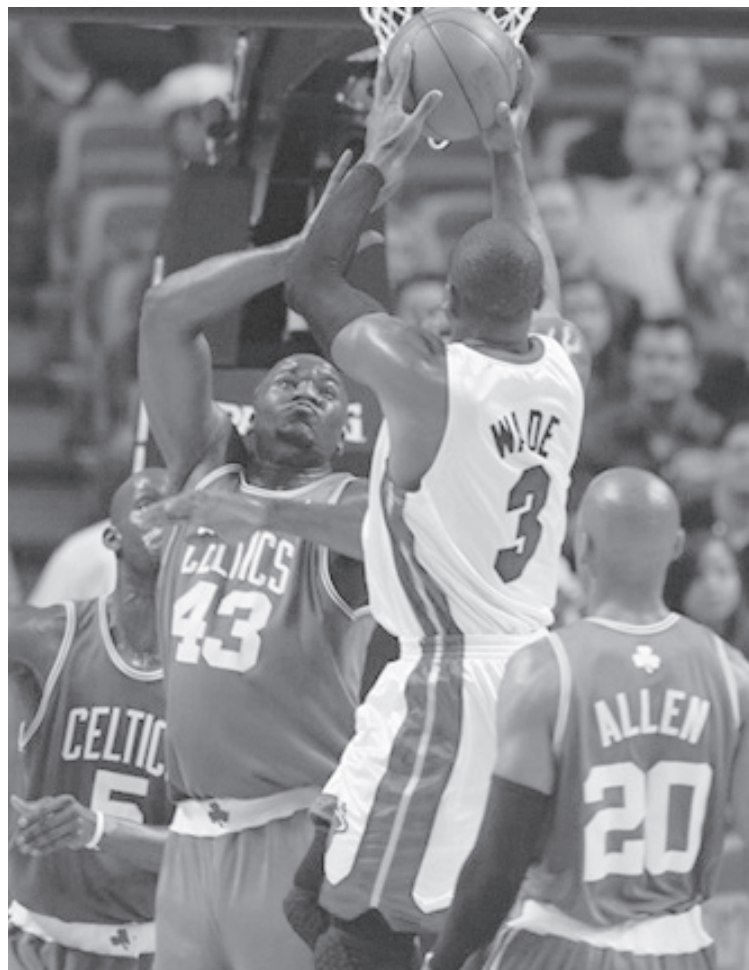
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Drew Doughty and Alexander Frolov scored and Quick stopped 18 shots for the sixth-seeded Kings, who struggled to finish close games in their first playoff appearance since 2002. □

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*NBA Roundup*

# James' triple-double leads Cavs past Bulls, 121-98



Boston Celtics' Kendrick Perkins (43) is unable to block a shot by Miami Heat's Dwyane Wade (3) in the first half of Game 4 during the first round of the NBA basketball series in Miami, Sunday, April 25, 2010.

*Associated Press*

CHICAGO (AP) — LeBron James had 37 points, 12 rebounds and 11 assists, while Antawn Jamison scored 24 points as the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Chicago Bulls 121-98 Sunday afternoon to take a 3-1 lead in their first-round NBA playoff series.

The Cavaliers led by 10 at halftime after scoring 38 in the second quarter and broke it open with a 37-point third, putting them in position to close it out at home on Tuesday.

James was at it again after scoring 40 and 39 the previous two games, connecting almost whenever he wanted and from wherever he wanted. He was 6 of 9 on 3-pointers, including a jumper from just inside midcourt at the end of the third that made it 99-76.

Chicago got 21 apiece from Derrick Rose and Joakim Noah, who also pulled down 20 rebounds, but the Bulls

are on the verge of their second straight first-round exit.

## Heat 101, Celtics 92

At Miami, Dwyane Wade set franchise playoff records with 46 points, including 30 in the second half, as the heat staved off elimination by beating Boston in Game 4 of an Eastern Conference first-round series.

Desperate to extend their season, Miami opened the fourth quarter on a 25-8 run, fueled mostly by Wade, who made 16-of-24 shots from the field.

Quentin Richardson scored 20 points and Michael Beasley added 15 for the Heat, who still trail the best-of-seven series 3-1.

Rajon Rondo led the Celtics with 23 points. Game 5 is Tuesday in Boston.

## Spurs 92, Mavericks 89

At San Antonio, George Hill scored 29 points, helping the Spurs overcome a miserable night from Tim Duncan and

take a 3-1 lead over Dallas in its first-round series.

The Spurs have won three straight since coach Gregg Popovich criticized some of his players and they've put the No. 2-seeded Mavs on the edge of their third first-round exit in four years. Game 5 is Tuesday night in Dallas.

Dirk Nowitzki and Caron Butler had 17 apiece for Dallas, the NBA's best road team during the regular season. But the Mavs couldn't leave San Antonio with a win, and they have to push the series to a Game 6 to earn another shot.

## Jazz 117, Nuggets 106

At Salt Lake City, Carlos Boozer had 31 points and 13 rebounds, while Deron Williams added 24 points and 13 assists as the Utah Jazz held off a late charge to beat Denver for a 3-1 lead in the Western Conference playoff series.

Carmelo Anthony finished with 39 points and led the Nuggets back within range late in the fourth quarter, but the Nuggets never caught all the way up and lost for the third straight time in the series.

Game 5 is Wednesday in Denver, where the Nuggets will need to win at home to stay alive. □

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## AL Roundup

# Price throws 4-hitter in Tampa Bay win

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP) — David Price threw a four-hitter for his first complete game, while John Jaso and Jason Bartlett had two RBIs apiece as the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Toronto Blue Jays 6-0 on Sunday. Price (3-1) struck out nine and walked one. He improved to 9-1 in his career against the AL East.

Carlos Pena opened the fifth by drawing Tampa Bay's sixth walk off Brandon Morrow (1-2) and then went to third when B.J. Upton got the Rays first hit, a double to right. After Pat Burrell struck out, Jaso hit a two-run single.

Blue Jays catcher Jose Molina threw out a runner trying to steal second — including Carl Crawford twice — in each of the first four innings. The four runners thrown out attempting to steal in the same game by Molina set a Toronto team record.

It was the first time a catcher has thrown out four runners attempting to steal in one game since Florida's Charles Johnson did it against Montreal on Sept. 18, 2002.

## Angels 8, Yankees 4

At Anaheim, Bobby Abreu and Kendry Morales homered and Brandon Wood drove

in the go-ahead runs with a bases-loaded double as the Angels handed New York its first series loss of the season. Scott Kazmir (2-1) gave up two home runs — including his third to Robinson Cano this season — but got the win after allowing four runs, three hits and four walks in 5 1-3 innings.

Javier Vazquez (1-3) threw 78 pitches in just 3 2-3 innings, giving up five runs, five hits and three walks. The 33-year-old right-hander hasn't made it through the sixth in any of his four starts, surrendering 20 runs in 20 innings.

New York had won its first five series, including a three-game set against the Angels in the Bronx.

## White Sox 3, Mariners 2

At Chicago, Paul Konerko hit a tiebreaking drive in the eighth inning for his major league-best eighth homer as the White Sox completed a three-game series sweep.

John Danks pitched eight sharp innings for Chicago, allowing two runs and eight hits. Danks (3-0) was coming off a strong eight-inning outing in a victory over Tampa Bay.

After consecutive days of game-ending homers by Andruw Jones and Alex Rios,

Konerko connected against Brandon League (2-1) to put the White Sox ahead 3-2. He has homered in three straight games.

## Royals 4, Twins 3

At Kansas City, Jose Guillen homered and drove in two runs to support Brian Bannister and help the Royals avoid a three-game sweep.

Guillen hit his seventh homer in the fifth inning and Bannister (1-1) escaped a baserunner-filled game by scattering nine hits over 6 1-3 innings. Kansas City's beleaguered bullpen had some shaky moments before Joakim Soria closed out the ninth for his fifth save.

Justin Morneau hit his fourth homer and had a run-scoring double off Soria in the ninth, but the Twins stranded 12 runners — four in the last two innings.

At Boston, Rhyne Hughes singled in the go-ahead run in the 10th inning and Matt Wieters followed with a two-run single, helping Baltimore snap a 10-game losing streak against the Red Sox with its third win of the season.

Miguel Tejada added a two-run homer for Baltimore, which overcame a 4-1 deficit to avoid its fourth straight



Tampa Bay Rays starting pitcher David Price, right, is congratulated by catcher John Jaso after the final out of his complete game 6-0 win over the Toronto Blue Jays in a baseball game Sunday, April 25, 2010, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

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series sweep against the Red Sox.

Jim Johnson (1-1) allowed two runs in the bottom of the 10th, and had to leave with runners on first and second. Cla Meredith got the final two outs for his first save.

## Rangers 8, Tigers 4

At Arlington, Michael Young had three hits and drove in five runs and David Murphy homered for Texas.

Colby Lewis (3-0) threw 50 pitches and allowed eight baserunners in the first two innings before settling down, getting 16 consecutive outs from the second through the seventh.

Lewis allowed four runs and

seven hits over 6 1-3 innings while matching a career high with 10 strikeouts.

Tigers rookie Austin Jackson hit his first major league homer, leading off the game with a 410-foot shot.

At Oakland, Eric Chavez hit a two-run double and also singled in a run to help Gio Gonzalez win for the first time in three starts.

**In other AL games it was, Baltimore 7, Boston 6, 10 innings; Tampa Bay 6, Toronto 0; Chicago White Sox 3, Seattle 2; Kansas City 4, Minnesota 3; Texas 8, Detroit 4; L.A. Angels 8, N.Y. Yankees 4; and Oakland 11, Cleveland 0.** □

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### NL Roundup

# Reds rally to end Padres' 8-game winning streak

CINCINNATI (AP)—Ramon Hernandez hit a tiebreaking RBI single in the eighth inning as the Cincinnati Reds rallied to end the San Diego Padres' eight-game winning streak with a 5-4 victory on Sunday. Francisco Cordero got former Reds utility Jerry Hairston Jr. to fly out to center with runners on first and third to end the game for his seventh save.

Jay Bruce had three hits and Scott Rolen hit his fifth homer for Cincinnati, which managed only four runs in the first two games of the series. Arthur Rhodes (1-1) pitched a perfect eighth inning for the victory.

Adrian Gonzalez hit a two-run drive for San Diego and has homered in four consecutive games.

Mike Adams (0-1) got the loss.

Cardinals 2, Giants 0

At San Francisco, Brad



Cincinnati Reds' Ramon Hernandez runs to first base after hitting in the go-ahead run in the eighth inning of a baseball game against the San Diego Padres, Sunday, April 25, 2010, in Cincinnati. The Reds won 5-4.

Penny, Jason Motte and Ryan Franklin combined for a nine-hitter and Albert Pujols hit his team-leading seventh homer,

helping St. Louis avoid a series sweep.

Penny (3-0) gave up eight hits over 7 2-3 innings while

outpitching former teammate Matt Cain. Penny, who played for San Francisco in 2009, didn't allow a runner past second base while lowering his ERA to 0.94.

Pablo Sandoval and Andres Torres had three hits apiece for the Giants, who were shut out for the second time in five games.

Pujols hit a hanging slider from Cain (0-1) into the left-field stands in the first inning. Nationals 1, Dodgers 0

At Washington, Scott Olsen pitched seven strong innings for his first victory since having shoulder surgery in July, leading the Nationals to victory.

Chad Billingsley (1-1) allowed one run and four hits in six innings for Los Angeles.

Adam Dunn drove in the only run of the game with a groundout in the first.

Olsen (1-1) allowed six hits, walked one and struck out

eight in his third start since being recalled from Triple-A Syracuse on April 15.

Tyler Clippard worked the eighth and Matt Capps finished the seven-hitter for his major league-leading eighth save.

Cubs 12, Brewers 2

At Milwaukee, Derrek Lee hit a towering 445-foot homer and Ryan Theriot had five hits to help the Cubs complete the three-game sweep.

Randy Wells (2-0) continued Chicago's string of strong starting pitching performances, allowing two runs in seven innings.

**In other NL games it was, Cincinnati 5, San Diego 4; Washington 1, L.A. Dodgers 0; Houston 10, Pittsburgh 3; Chicago Cubs 12, Milwaukee 2; St. Louis 2, San Francisco 0; Arizona 8, Philadelphia 6; Colorado 8, Florida 4 and N.Y. Mets 1, Atlanta 0, 6 innings.** □



Philadelphia Phillies first baseman Ryan Howard smiles as he talks about his contract extension during a news conference before a baseball game against the San Francisco Giants in San Francisco, Monday, April 26, 2010. The slugging first baseman agreed to a \$125 million, five-year contract extension Monday that could keep him with the Phillies until 2017.

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## Howard agrees to \$125 million extension with Phils

By JANIE McCAULEY  
AP Baseball Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Ryan Howard took a good-natured jab at those fickle fans in baseball-crazy Philadelphia.

"Hopefully there's no riots taking place back in Philly," he joked of his new mega deal. Get used to it, City of Brotherly Love. This guy's going to be around for a while. The slugging first baseman agreed to a \$125 million, five-year contract extension Monday that could keep him with the Phillies until 2017.

Howard preferred securing his future in Philadelphia to testing free agency in two years — and boy, is he getting his payday. He also felt loyal to the franchise that gave him his chance to reach the big leagues, saying, "That wasn't a very hard decision."

"I tell you what, it's a great feeling to have that security and know where you're going to be," Howard said. "I feel what I've been doing over the last couple of years, I feel pretty confident that down

the road, I'll be right where I want to be and still doing the same things."

Howard's teammates wasted no time hitting him up for favors, either.

"Where we going to eat, Ryan?" Ben Francisco asked.

Howard just chuckled.

"He's going to take all your money," quipped Shane Victorino.

Even general manager Ruben Amaro Jr. got into the fun. "As part of this deal, he has agreed to buy a second home for me," Amaro joked during a news conference at AT&Park, where the Phillies opened a three-game series with the Giants.

But in all seriousness, Amaro pulled off a deal that keeps the centerpiece of the Phillies' offense in place for the long haul. "We just felt it was good timing for us," Amaro said. "We felt No. 1, he's one of the elite offensive players in the game. We could have waited another year and a half or so and dealt with it later on, but the fact of the matter is we decided he is that important to our organization and to our

club and to our future."

The 30-year-old Howard will make \$20 million each in 2012 and 2013 and \$25 million annually from 2014-16. The Phillies have a \$23 million club option for 2017 with a \$10 million buyout.

"This is a very good contract for him," Howard's agent Casey Close said. "The reason he felt the time was right was he loves his teammates, he loves the city. He wanted to be a part of something special for a long time to come."

The two-time All-Star led the Phillies to two straight trips to the World Series, winning a championship in 2008.

The \$25 million guaranteed average salary in the extension will be baseball's second-highest behind Alex Rodriguez's \$27.5 million average under a 10-year contract with the Yankees running through 2017.

Howard was happy to land a new deal now and avoid the craziness that would have come once he was eligible for free agency after the 2011 season, when he will be 32. □

Foundation Ban Uni Man Pa Cria Nos Muchanan is the big winner!

## Bugaloe Open Golf Huge Success!

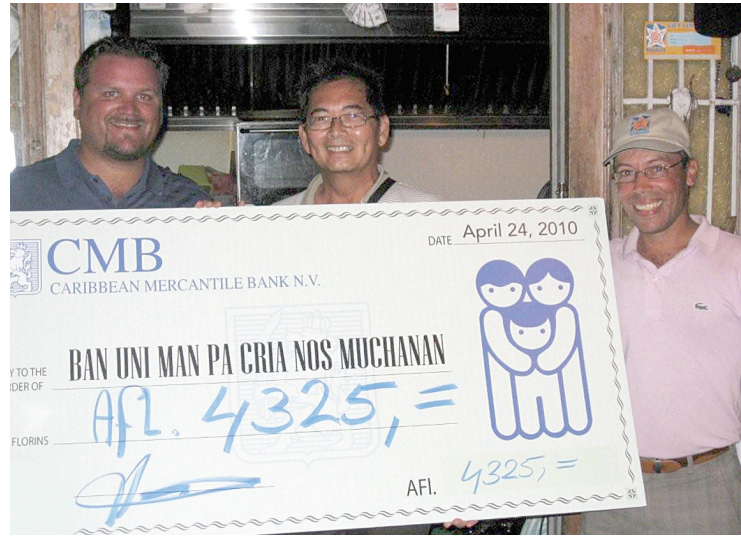


TIERRA DEL SOL - The Bugaloe Open Golf Tournament which was held last Saturday, was not only for the organization and the participants a huge success, Foundation Ban Uni Man Pa Cria Nos Muchanan was clearly the thrilled winner. John Fun, representative of this non-profit organization that provides children of low income families with daily breakfasts at their kindergartens

or primary schools, gratefully accepted a stunning sponsor amount of AWG 4,325.00 plus an additional cash donation of AWG 175.00 by one of the players. "This is wonderful and the amount is stunnishing. It's great that the sponsors and players were so generous," Fun says. "The money will be used to provide breakfast for 11 children a year long. They



will now have a little bit of a better life and opportunity in life; thanks to the sponsors and players. We are extremely happy with this initiative by Bugaloe Beach Bar and we are very grateful," the foundation representative says with a big smile. The event started around 12:30pm and right from the beginning all 104 participants enjoyed the relaxed and fun atmosphere. The Heineken catering cart on the course was welcomed with a cheer as all players were surprised with ice cold Heineken refreshment and delicious Bugaloe snacks. The long hitters had the chance to knock themselves out on the 11th hole in the longest and most accurate drive competition. The winners were Steve Bowen (men) and Gerry Hoevenaars (ladies). The Nearest To The Pin competition was held at 13th hole and the winner was again Gerry Hoevenaars. After playing 18 holes the golfers traded the wonderful ambiance of Tierra del Sol for cheerful Bugaloe at De Palm



Pier where the award ceremony took place. The organization thanked the many sponsors: Bingo Restaurant, Café 080, Café Rembrandt, Caribbean Mercantile Bank, Chivas Regal, Dutch Antilles Express, Heineken Aruba, Hyatt Regency Curacao, Playa Liquor, Price Waterhouse Coopers, Superfood and of course Bugaloe Beach Bar & Grill. "The idea was to organize a tournament reflecting the typical Bugaloe style of fun and pleasure. When I look at the faces of the players, I know

we have succeeded," Bugaloe manager Marc Hernandez states proudly. With cheers and applause the winners honored. The first prize went to Mike Mahony and Paula van Vierzen with Gross score of 76 and 59.2 Net. First runner up: Giovanni van Wijk and Martin Woogon with Gross score of 75 and Net 61.2. The event was concluded with an extended dinner buffet and of course plenty of Heineken beer. Pictures of the event are available at [www.bugaloe.com](http://www.bugaloe.com) and [www.facebook.com/bugaloe](http://www.facebook.com/bugaloe).



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EAGLE BEACH – Resort employees enjoyed food for thought as they listened to Mike Paris and Carmen Jones who made a presentation regarding a more holistic approach to living.

The culinary team, paired the lecture with a delicious lunch bag, designed to enhance Earth Week festivities at the resort.

The lecture, given during lunch break, and attended by a good number of employees tackled rest, recreation, choices of food, and other health and well being related topics, provoking much discussion

about the need to improve our quality of life, by cracking down on TV viewing and increasing the numbers of hours we sleep.

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*'Differences between men and women'*

## Anton Isaak's sequel lecture is this Wednesday



ORANJESTAD - 'The differences in handling stress between men and women' was the topic of a most interesting and fun lecture by Anton Isaak a few weeks ago. Striking examples of easy-to-recognise behavior passed the review in the lovely garden of De Suikertuin Restaurant in the Wilhelminastraat. This coming Wednesday the sequel to that lecture will take place. Starting at 7.30 pm Anton will take the floor.

A gifted public speaker, Anton Isaak knows how to capture the attention and to have his audience participate and respond. De Suikertuin is a perfect place for an evening like this: intimate and cozy, which entails that the atmosphere is great to begin with. As personal experiences are recounted

and recognized, stereotypical behavior of the sexes in certain instances starts to become clear.

Anton's lecture holds therefore a message: men and

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Wednesday, April 28 promises to be a great experience once again. □

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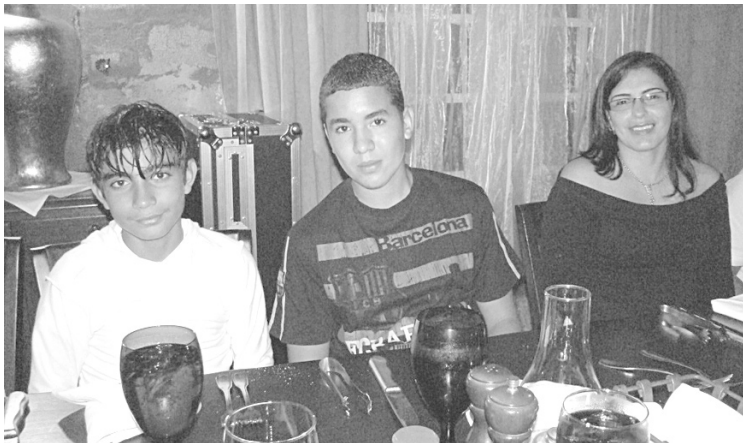
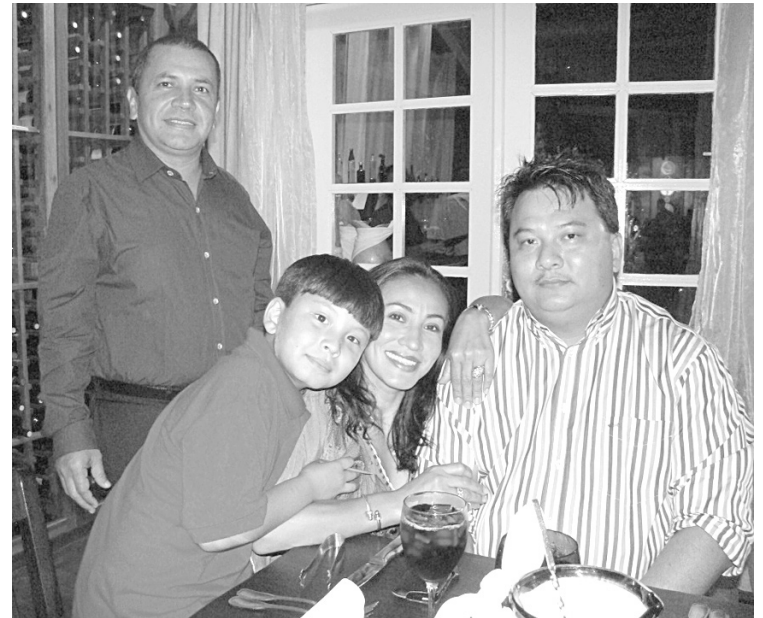
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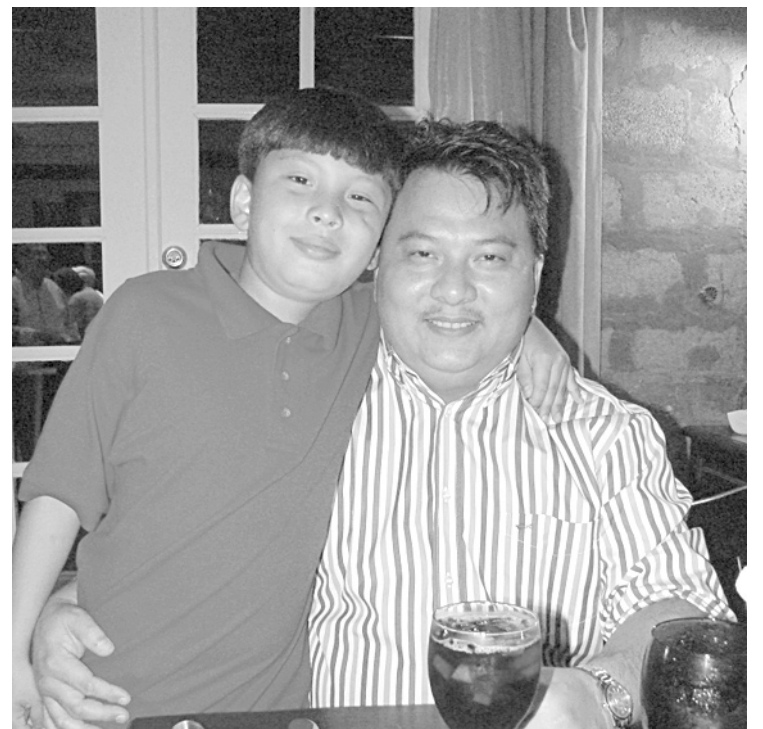
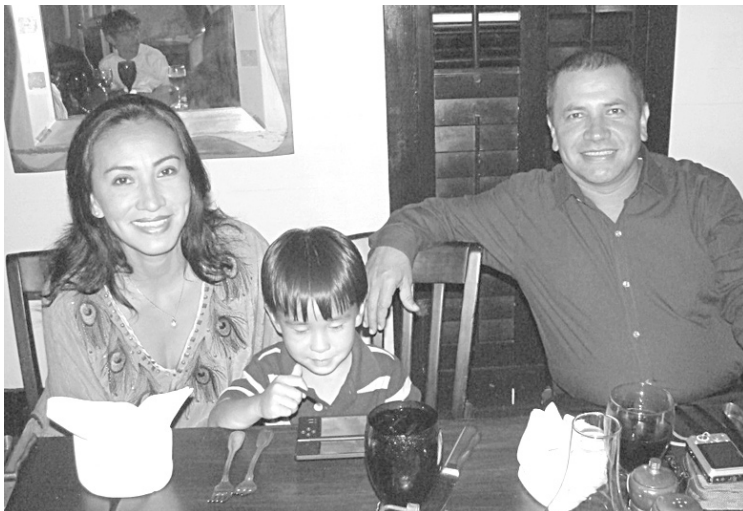


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Amazonia Churrascaria is gearing up for Queen's Birthday next weekend, celebrating the special day of the Dutch monarch's late mom, on April 30, which is a national holiday, dating since 1885. The restaurant is also booking Holy Communion parties and making sure that Mother's Day celebration will results in great success and lasting memories. □



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Quiche Lorraine, tuna tataki with sesame seeds, mozzarella sticks, a mini stuffed pie with marinated chicken, nachos with hummus, grilled bread with tomato and cheese and a stuffed egg. Order as many as you like, as many times as you want. De Suikertuin will be open for business on the Queen's Birthday as usual,

with special treats available during the day. Starting at 4 pm the 'We go Rosé on an Orange day' event takes place; no reservations are needed, unless you plan to come with a large group of friends. The fun ends at 7 pm. And for your information: De Suikertuin is also open as usual on Labor Day, Saturday, May 1st. □

ORANJESTAD - It's official: Dutch Queen Beatrix can not be present at De Suikertuin for the 'We go Rosé on an Orange day' celebrations on April 30. A pity, as the queen will be missing a lot indeed. The restaurant in the Wilhelminastraat is planning an informal get-together at which rosé and White Zinfandel of the Arion Wine Company and tapas courtesy of De Suikertuin are going to blend into a fun and tasty happening. A sparkling rosé wine from Spain, a sweet Wente Vineyards White Zinfandel from the Central Coast, California and a dry Enate Rosado Cabernet Sauvignon Somontano from Spain are poured either by the glass or the bottle.

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Receiving thought is different from receiving emotion. Thoughts exist in the Mass Consciousness surrounding Earth, and we can tap into any of the thoughts within the Mass Consciousness. We all have free, unlimited access to

all the information in the Collective Human Mind. Yikes!

Luckily, we're blind to it unless we open specific energetic pathways and allow ourselves to become conscious of specific information. I've learned to love the filters that protect us from ourselves.

A few necessary conditions must be met in order to receive information from the Mass Consciousness. We

must ask for the information, be open to receive it, have the wisdom to recognize it and the courage to act on it.

When we focus on receiving information, we align ourselves with the information we seek. We set a conscious intention to direct our energy. You can do this with concepts like, "Resolution to a situation", or "Abundance". State your intention and be open to receive.

Now that we've focused our intent we must be open to receive the answer. When you consciously state that you are open to receive, you begin to see what has been in front of you all along. When you state that you are open, you must be open to all answers, not just the ones you want or expect. Be ready to accept aspects of your self that you don't want to see.

We also need the wisdom to recognize the information

when it comes. This is really tricky, and experience is the key. How does one know where to draw the line between making up fantasies and missing the obvious? As we start to focus on ourselves, we become aware of a subtle shift in feeling when we're dealing with the Truth. It feels more genuine and relaxed. Practice differentiating the feelings of expressing your Truth and being influenced by outside forces. In time, it will be a natural, stark sensation.

You've requested information, opened yourself to the answers, and recognized your Truth when it was in front of you. Now you need the courage to act. If you don't take purposeful action, you waste the challenges that lead you to know what to do in the first place. Physical action is the follow through that solidifies your growth.

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# La Cabana Hosts a Tree Planting Ceremony



## Randell Boekhouder is the Radisson's new Pool & Beach Manager



PALM BEACH – General Manager Rob Smith had the pleasure to introduce Randell Boekhouder to his team, as Randell accepted the position of Pool & Beach Manager for the famed Palm Beach resort.

As a young man with many gifts and talents, Randell has served as Pool, Entertainment and Activities Manager for the Mill Resort & Suites Aruba since 1999. Prior to that, he worked for a number of years at Playa Linda Beach Resort as part-timer while attending school.

Randell joined the team officially on April 16, 2010, says Glenn Farro, Director of Human Resources at the Radisson.



EAGLE BEACH – La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club organized a fruit tree planting at the onset of the resort's Earth Week celebration 2010.

The Earth Week program was made very special by the planting of the lemon and mango trees which represented the educational process of green practices.

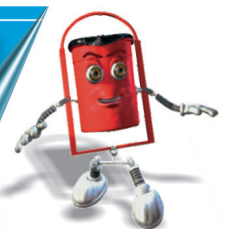
Pictured here La Cabana Beach & Racquet

Club staff members including General Manager Joe Najjar, attending the informal ceremony, at the designated site, next to the chapel.

The Earth Week agenda at the resort was peppered with lectures about relevant topics, also a tour of the resort's herb garden, and was the initiative of the Green and Health team.



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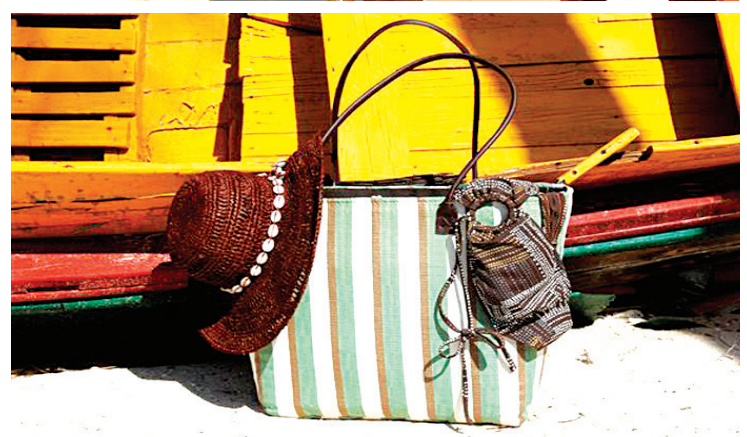
## Stop at the Juggling Fish, Playa Linda Beach Resort before you hit the beach



Palm Beach – From sexy to conservative, you will find bathing suits in all styles and colors at the very cute Juggling Fish Boutique on the seaside boardwalk at Playa Linda Beach Resort. Any Aruba vacation is a beach-holiday and many

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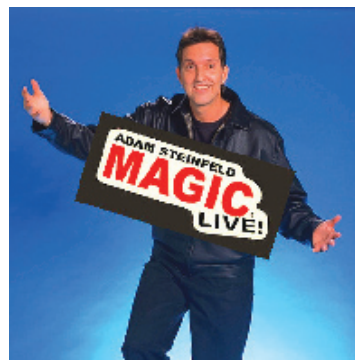
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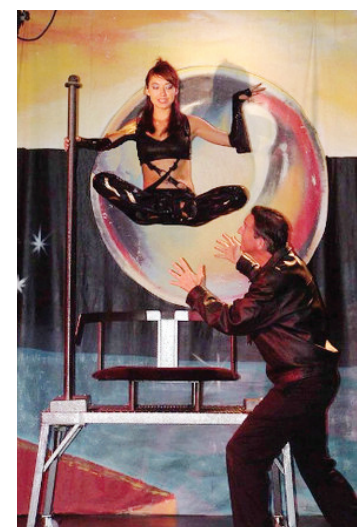
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## “Harm reduction” needed to cut drug-user AIDS risk

By Kate Kelland

LONDON (Reuters) – Barely a twentieth of the estimated \$3.2 billion needed is put into preventing drug users spreading the AIDS virus, experts said on Monday, and the shortfall is fuelling HIV epidemics in parts of Europe and Asia.

In a report on the use of “harm reduction” measures like clean needle exchanges and safer drug substitutes, the experts found that in countries which fail to take prevention steps, drug-related HIV infection accounts for the vast majority of new cases.

The proportion of new HIV cases linked to injecting drug use is 90 percent in Bangladesh, 66 percent in Russia and 50 percent in Indonesia, the report said; yet only around three U.S. cents a day is spent on trying to halt drug-related spread of the virus in low- and middle-income countries.

“We have known now for well over two decades that HIV is preventable -- it is untenable that today in some 100

(poorer) countries nearly all people who inject drugs have absolutely no access to clean needles or methadone,” said Professor Gerry Stimson, a co-author of the report and the director of the International Harm Reduction Association (IHRA).

About 33.4 million people worldwide are infected with the AIDS virus. Since AIDS emerged in the 1980s, almost 60 million people have been infected and 25 million have died.

Drug users can spread the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) that causes AIDS by sharing needles with an HIV-infected person, or pass it on by having unprotected sex. Harm reduction measures for drug users -- like providing clean needles, condoms and the drug substitute methadone -- were introduced some 25 years ago in countries such as Australia and in European cities like Rotterdam and Liverpool, where AIDS spreading among addicts was a major problem.

‘WAR ON DRUGS’

Similar policies have since been adopted by public health authorities in many European and other rich nations and, along with safe sex campaigns, are considered a major factor in the relatively low rates of HIV in those places.

But the report found 20 countries in eastern Europe and Asia where injecting drug use is now the major cause of HIV infection, and said the failure to protect drug users is driving the world’s fast growing HIV/AIDS epidemic in eastern Europe.

“Three cents a day is a terrifying figure and equally terrifying are the HIV infection rates amongst injecting drug users in parts of Eastern Europe and Asia,” said Stimson.

Stimson, who is heading an international conference on harm reduction in the British city of Liverpool this week, said one fifth of the all global funding for HIV prevention should be dedicated to HIV prevention steps for drug users. “Harm reduction is a low-cost,



A child infected with HIV takes a nap beside medicine distributed by a hospital, at a red ribbon primary school in Linfen, north China’s Shanxi province September 13, 2007.... Read more »

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high-impact intervention,” he said.

The report said a full package of HIV-related harm reduction steps in Asia would cost \$39 per life-year saved, and treatment with AIDS drugs would be around \$2,000 per life-year saved.

Alvaro Bermejo, head of the International HIV/AIDS Alliance, said a less punitive approach to drug users would reduce HIV.

“The ‘war on drugs’ is a war on drug users and it is fuelling the HIV epidemic, making public health responses much more difficult,” he said in a statement on the report.

“It’s time to move away from the detention center system and to provide services for users in their communities and in government health clinics so they can see them as places where they can get help and not be badly treated.” □



FILE - In this Tuesday, June 3, 2008 file photo, an employee takes a drag on a cigarette at Morgan’s Place bar and restaurant in Harrisburg, Pa. Four common bad habits combined — smoking, drinking too much, inactivity and poor diet — can age you by 12 years, sobering new research suggests.... Read more »

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By LINDSEY TANNER,  
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO — Four common bad habits combined —

smoking, drinking too much, inactivity and poor diet — can age you by 12 years, sobering new research suggests.

## Bad habits can age you by 12 years, study suggests

The findings are from a study that tracked nearly 5,000 British adults for 20 years, and they highlight yet another reason to adopt a healthier lifestyle.

Overall, 314 people studied had all four unhealthy behaviors. Among them, 91 died during the study, or 29 percent. Among the 387 healthiest people with none of the four habits, only 32 died, or about 8 percent.

The risky behaviors were: smoking tobacco; downing more than three alcoholic drinks per day for men and more than two daily for women; getting less than two

hours of physical activity per week; and eating fruits and vegetables fewer than three times daily.

These habits combined substantially increased the risk of death and made people who engaged in them seem 12 years older than people in the healthiest group, said lead researcher Elisabeth Kvaavik of the University of Oslo.

The study appears in Monday’s Archives of Internal Medicine.

The healthiest group included never-smokers and those who had quit; teetotalers, women who had fewer than two drinks daily and men who had fewer

than three; those who got at least two hours of physical activity weekly; and those who ate fruits and vegetables at least three times daily.

“You don’t need to be extreme” to be in the healthy category, Kvaavik said. “These behaviors add up, so together it’s quite good. It should be possible for most people to manage to do it.”

For example, one carrot, one apple and a glass of orange juice would suffice for the fruit and vegetable cutoffs in the study, Kvaavik said, noting that the amounts are pretty modest and less strict than many guidelines. □



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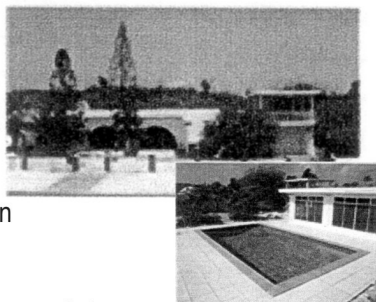
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## GOP Dark Horse Dreams: Can Someone Pull a Goldwater?

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The political axiom is familiar today. Republicans nominate the next in line. So it's been from Richard Nixon to John McCain.

The next presidential cycle could prove otherwise. The GOP establishment no longer rides herd over today's elephants. Conservative activists are both exceptionally galvanized and autonomous. It's a unique mix unseen in decades. And critically, the establishment's early favorite has an Achilles heel. This conservative milieu begs the question: is 2012 the year of the Republican dark horse?

Mitt Romney should be the next Republican nominee. No less than 81 percent of Republican "insiders" say that Romney is the "most likely" to challenge Barack Obama in 2012, according to a January National Journal poll.

"If you look at our tradition in the party, our frontrunner should be Mitt Romney," said Charlie Black, who has advised candidates from Ronald Reagan to George H.W. Bush to McCain. "But I truly believe it's way too early to tell."

Romney's vulnerability is one reason it's too early to tell. Half of all Republicans are "angry" about the healthcare overhaul. Most other Republicans are "displeased," according to a late March CNN poll. And therein lies Romney's problem.

Romney signed a universal health care plan as the Massachusetts governor. It too mandated coverage (a central focal point of conservative anger today). Romney has managed flip-flops before. He nearly won the GOP nomination despite his past support for abortion and gay rights. But this is another matter. Romney took trailblazing action on the same issue that most-rallies today's conservative grassroots. In 2008, John McCain's primary campaign ran an ad that declared: "Mitt Romney's state health-care plan is a big-government mandate." GOP rivals will offer that message on steroids in 2012. Politico aptly compared Romney's problem to Hillary Clinton's 2002 Iraq war vote.

But if not Romney, then who? The survey of Beltway insiders offered one early picture. Tim Pawlenty placed a distant second (46%). Followed by John Thune (38%) and Haley Barbour (28%). Tied for fifth were Mitch Daniels and Sarah Palin (25%). Of the group, only Palin is widely known by the public. But Palin remains a long shot in 2012. The field is

open. And many other Republican dark horses stir.

The senior man has, however, taken the GOP race since 1968. The "new Nixon" is remembered for his remarkable comeback. But Nixon commanded the field by election year. In spring, among Republicans, Gallup placed Nixon ahead of Nelson Rockefeller by more than a 2-to-1 margin. He was the former vice president and almost-was president. But Nixon's nomination also heralded the new emerging GOP establishment -- more southern, more western, less blue blooded and more blue collar.

Thereafter, the GOP establishment got their man. The seniority rule became more settled (perhaps ironically) with the advent of the first contested, and modern, GOP primary race in 1976. There were setbacks -- Reagan losing in Iowa or George W. Bush losing in New Hampshire. But from Gerald Ford to George W. Bush, as Harvard political scientist William Mayer tracked, the Republican who led the final Gallup national poll before the primaries won the nomination.

The rule dulled with McCain but endured. McCain followed the path of Reagan, H.W. Bush and Bob Dole. He was the once-thwarted candidate who earned his turn. And McCain worked for that turn. He was among Bush's most effective advocates during the 2004 campaign. Then he went from 2006 frontrunner to late-2007 long shot. Mike Huckabee narrowly led McCain in the final national polls before the Iowa caucuses. But McCain soon regained his frontrunner status and won despite the vocal opposition of conservative activists like Rush Limbaugh.

Romney attempted to follow this same game plan. He dropped out in 2008 and soon became a strong advocate for McCain. He is currently campaigning and raising money for 2010 Republican candidates. The seniority system might still work out for Romney. The GOP establishment still reigns, despite its wounded authority. The Republican Party refused to seriously consider a conservative "purity test" early this year. The result would have excluded moderates from RNC support.

Many rising GOP stars are also establishment figures. There are the popular conservatives like New Jersey's Chris Christie or Wisconsin's Paul Ryan. There is Rob Portman's Senate bid in Ohio or Marco Rubio's Senate bid in Florida. All four have followed traditional GOP paths to power and could

be considered dark horses. Both Portman and Rubio achieved their prominence with the assistance of the Bush family.

Nonetheless, Rubio's rapid rise captures what's different today. In 2008, Charlie Crist was a popular Florida governor, veep contender and leading Republican moderate. But Republican momentum is rightward. And Rubio quickly overtook Crist from that right. The conservative grassroots, including Tea Party activists, are the gasoline powering Rubio.

Goldwater's day was different. The establishment ran away from "grotesque burlesque of the conservative," to quote The Saturday Evening Post. Today's Republican establishment is running towards its conservative wing. In recent weeks Dick Cheney, Eric Cantor and Romney have all endorsed Rubio. The establishment's move nearer to its grassroots has paid dividends within the party. Only 63 percent of Republicans favorably rated their party in spring 2009. That rating rose above 80 percent by autumn and has since steadied.

Yet rank and file Republicans remain disconnected from the institutional Republican Party. Three in four GOP voters continue to believe Republicans in Congress have in recent years "lost touch with Republican voters from throughout the nation," according to Rasmussen polling.

That disconnect is one explanation for the Republican National Committee's thin coffers. The RNC had more than \$30 million in the bank at the close of 2001 and 2005. The RNC closed 2009 with less than \$9 million. And this was before the latest RNC fundraising scandal.

The Tea Party is especially detached from their political leadership. They are largely traditional Republican voters. Gallup found that 83 percent of Tea Party supporters identify as or lean Republican. Seven in 10 identify as conservative. Politico surveyed activists who attended a Tea Party rally in Washington on April 15. It found that more than seven in 10 voted for both McCain in 2008 and Bush in 2004. Only about one in 10 voted for Obama and John Kerry.

But when the CBS/New York Times poll asked them what living U.S. political figure they most admire, half of the Tea Party supporters declined to select any of the prominent Republicans listed. Only 5 percent said Romney. □

# Oposición venezolana logra mayor unidad con la vista puesta en legislativas

CARACAS (AFP) - La oposición venezolana dio un paso adelante hacia su unidad este fin de semana, al elegir sus candidatos para los comicios parlamentarios de setiembre, en los que busca más espacio en la Asamblea Nacional, dominada por el partido del mandatario Hugo Chávez.

La oposición venezolana, que sufre grandes diferencias internas, logró dejar de lado muchas de ellas y consiguió una lista unitaria de candidatos en buena parte de las zonas

electorales y celebró primarias en las circunscripciones restantes. Este proceso, desestimado por el gobierno, fue considerado “fortalecedor” por analistas.

“Hemos logrado casi un milagro político en un tema tan difícil como fue construir candidaturas unitarias para la Asamblea Nacional (Parlamento)”, declaró este lunes Omar Barboza, presidente del partido Un Nuevo Tiempo (UNT) y miembro de la Mesa de la Unidad Democrática (MUD). Los principales

sectores de oposición se han reunido en esta mesa para recuperar espacios en una Asamblea Nacional (Parlamento unicameral), dominada por el oficialismo desde 2005, cuando los detractores de Chávez no se presentaron a las elecciones legislativas, en un deseo fallido de boicotearlas.

Actualmente, en el ente legislativo, que cuenta con 167 escaños, hay apenas una docena de disidentes que se han separado del oficialismo en los últimos cinco años.

“La experiencia de 2005 ha sido aleccionadora para entender la importancia de tener presencia en la Asamblea Nacional en el contexto político actual”, aseguró el presidente de la comisión técnica de la MUD, Ramón José Medina.

Para Medina, las primarias organizadas por la oposición “fueron exitosas”, porque demostraron que “la gente quiere participar” en las próximas elecciones del 26 de septiembre. “La Mesa de la Unidad Democrática se fortaleció este fin de semana con las primarias y los acuerdos unitarios anunciados. Y ahora trabaja en una agenda común de propuestas para el país”, aseguró el politólogo Ricardo Sucre en una entrevista televisiva.

Por su parte, el gobierno se encargó de desestimar las votaciones organizadas por la oposición el domingo y aprovechó para llamar a sus seguidores a votar en las primarias oficialistas del próximo fin de semana.

“El domingo son nuestras elecciones primarias. Ahí es que van a ver la diferencia”, dijo Chávez durante su programa dominical, “Aló, Presidente”.



Un votante observa el 25 de abril de 2010 el padrón de las elecciones primarias realizadas por la oposición al presidente Hugo Chávez para escoger candidatos a las parlamentarias de setiembre, Foto:juan barreto/AFP

El mandatario, que ha fijado como objetivo ganar al menos dos tercios de los escaños de la Asamblea, reiteró el domingo que “la batalla va a ser dura” hasta las elecciones de septiembre.

Ganar la mayoría de diputados es importante para el proyecto de gobierno del mandatario venezolano, que ha impulsado la reforma de numerosas leyes en los últimos años. □

## Ecuador pide 2,5 millones de euros a Air Comet para perjudicados por quiebra



Pasajeros de la aerolínea española Air Comet, que opera principalmente vuelos a América Latina, esperan en el aeropuerto madrileño de Barajas, el 22 de diciembre de 2009.

MADRID (AFP) - Dos mil ecuatorianos perjudicados por la quiebra de la aerolínea Air Comet reclamarán un total de 2,5 millones de euros (3,34 millones de dólares) de indemnización, informó este lunes la oficina en España de la Secretaría Nacional del Migrante ecuatoriana (Senami).

La Senami presentará el martes “la demanda de 2.000 ecuatorianos perjudicados por Air Comet” en un juzgado de lo mercantil de Madrid que decidirá sobre el concurso de acreedores (antigua suspensión de pagos) de la aerolínea española, indicó en un comunicado.

En España presentaron una demanda 1.050 ecuatorianos y en Ecuador, 400, según la Senami, que explicó que “la cifra global de afectados asciende a 2.000 porque los menores de edad están representados por sus padres”.

Cada persona reclama a la aerolínea un promedio de 1.200 euros, precisó.

Air Comet, que volaba desde España a varias ciudades latinoamericanas, presentó la suspensión de pagos en el Tribunal Superior de Justicia de Madrid (TSJM) el 23 de marzo por no poder hacer frente a su deuda, lo que permitirá que la justicia determine eventuales restituciones a los acreedores y afectados por la quiebra. La aerolínea, que volaba desde Madrid a La Habana, Bogotá, Quito, Guayaquil, Lima y Buenos Aires, anunció su quiebra el 22 de diciembre después que un juez británico le prohibió volar tras una denuncia presentada por el banco alemán Nord Bank.

Según los medios españoles, Air Comet deja una deuda de entre 100 y 160 millones de euros. □

## Policia captura mas de 43.000 narcos desde enero 2009

Bogotá - Un total de 43.435 narcotraficantes fueron capturados desde enero 2009 en Colombia, entre ellos 123 extranjeros y 84 solicitados en extradición por varios países, principalmente Estados Unidos.

El director de la Policía Antinarcóticos, general Francisco Patiño, informó que durante estos 16 meses se incautaron 47.866 kilos de cocaína y 24.693 toneladas de insumos líquidos y sólidos para su procesamiento.

En declaraciones al diario “El Nuevo Siglo” de Bogotá y citadas por la agencia DPA, el oficial señaló que durante este año 41.716 hectáreas de cultivos de hoja de coca fueron fumigados con químicos, mientras que en todo 2009 la cifra llegó a 27.933.

En el caso de la erradicación manual, cerca de 10.000 hectáreas han sido sometidas a ese procedimiento este año, frente a las 10.483 durante el año pasado.

Patiño comentó que dos policías y un campesino dedicados a las tareas de erradicación manual murieron en 2010 por la activación de explosivos que protegen los cultivos ilegales.

El presidente Alvaro Uribe destacó el sábado pasado la reducción en un 31,2 por ciento de la extensión de los cultivos de hoja de coca en Colombia desde 2007, de acuerdo con un reporte de las Naciones Unidas. □

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